



Reinstate the Murphy 4

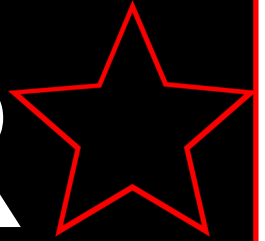


Meanwhile in Ballymena



CNT-AIT France - letter to Trade Unions

BLACK STAR



Victory to Striking



Health Workers

Organise! - IWA stands in solidarity with the thousands of health care workers who took 48 hour strike action on Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd September as they see their pay slip further and further behind that of their fellow workers in Scotland, England and Wales. An estimated 4,000 workers took part in the strike action against a Tory NI Secretary of State imposed 'punishment budget' that means thousands have received no increase in pay despite being driven into further hardship due to price increases and profit-gouging.

We have the worst waiting lists and lowest paid workers in the entire NHS while the lack of a Stormont Executive is used as an excuse to deny funding and pay increases. If victory is to be assured for every worker facing real pay cuts and a spiralling increase in the cost of living we all need to take the struggle into their own hands and build for an all out general strike.

Not So Wonderful Every Day



IKEA have never been our friends, even though many of us have bought or stolen their shit over the years. News reaches us, however, from our comrades in the CNT-AIT SOV Madrid of a new front against the Swedish purveyors of random consumerist tat. A member of the Anarcho-Syndicalist union employed by the furniture parts manufacturer and IKEA supplier, Foldeco

Development S. I., has with other non-native workers at Foldeco, been subjected to racist and xenophobic comments on a regular basis. Moreover, the company has refused to pay overtime, neglects to provide proper personal protection equipment, has prevented staff attending the doctor during working hours and other abuses.

CNT-AIT SOV Madrid are calling for fellow IWA-AIT comrades across the world to consult on how best to challenge Foldeco partner, IKEA, in order to pressure the multinational to drop their racist Spanish supplier.

Solidarity With The Murphy 4

It was late last year when the building firm, Murphy International, sacked four workers including their Unite rep after they held a meeting of fifteen other workers to discuss non-payment of travel and subsistence. Since then, there has been a growing campaign for the reinstatement of the workers that has drawn support from across the island of Ireland. Protests took place recently in Belfast at the Department for Infrastructure (Murphy International is on their civil engineering contracts shortlist),

and the offices of Mott McDonald, the strategic business partner of a Murphy group firm. Worker organisation in the building game is and has been notoriously bad for as long as anyone can remember, but this case is one of increasingly widespread abuses often of the most vulnerable migrant workers as well as those who have worked decades in the industry. Organise! extend our solidarity and support to attempts to reinstate the workers.

Strikes Across Further Education

Staff at all six further education colleges across Northern Ireland will start five days of strike action from Monday 18 September. Plans are in place for the industrial action to continue for the next three months in a long-running dispute over pay and working conditions. UCU members have said they were forced to take action after a decade of their members being subject to pay freeze, followed by pay restraint, which has seen lecturer pay awards limited to between 1% and 2% per year.

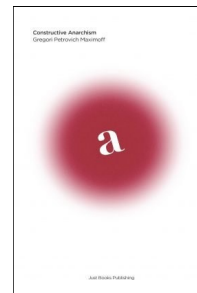
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Locals here really pushed the boat out recently when three guys narrowly escaped death and injury after joyriding...in a stolen golf buggy. I'm putting this one down as a direct action against Lord Brookeborough's son, who owns the Galgorm resort from which the buggy was nicked. On more than one occasion over the last decade Galgorm have successfully defeated unfair dismissal cases, accusations of wage theft, and the usual racism and xenophobia often experienced by migrant workers here. Hopefully, this is just the start of a wider class war between our wee toon and the hoi polloi over at the castle, spa and golf club – watch this space!

Just Books Publishing



Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist

international founded in Berlin in 1922.

isbn 9781739723705

£11.99



The second title, now with a new cover, is Nick Heath's *The Idea*.

Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism,

this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years...

(Brian Morris on *The Idea*)

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French Pensions Protests

The CNT-AIT France's open letter to reformist trade unions (translated)

**TOUT LE MONDE
DETESTE
L'ETAT
ET LE CAPITAL !**

Anarchosyndicalisme !
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Dear companion (open letter to anarchists who campaign in institutional unions)

Allow me to call you companion since, although you are active in a reformist trade union organisation, you display your anarchist values. Therefore, despite our differences, we share the same hatred of the current economic and political system and the same desire to build a freer, more united, more egalitarian and democratic world. We often discuss our differences, but for once, we agree, it's over, it's lost, we'll have to work 2 more years.

You remember, from the start, we argued about this. You believed in it very strongly. For the first time in so long, the unity finally of all the union centres. Ah this unity, you had desired it so much, truly gigantic demonstrations, releasing a tremendous energy, a pleasure from these multitudes who found themselves together, animated by the feeling of fighting for a just and noble cause.

And then this Tuesday, this demonstration, a sort of swan song, this gloom, all these people, disappointed, harping on a feeling of defeat and waste. But let me ask you a question; what did the union leaders who guided this movement do with this fantastic energy present in the first moments of the struggle? From the start, we said, only a massive general strike will make it possible to roll back Macron. There is nothing to negotiate. We do not want this reform and we must scare all the big owners so that they understand the height of our anger. As soon as the reform was announced, there was a need for a worker response equal to the provocation, it was necessary to refuse, and to call for a total blockage of the economy.

Another path has been chosen. Clearly, the primary concern of the union leadership was that the social movement did not gain too much momentum, that it remained within limits acceptable to the system. The fear of being overwhelmed, the fear of a movement becoming uncontrollable, like in 1936 or 68, motivated them and to avoid a popular explosion, they played with time, allowing several weeks to pass between the government announcement and the first demonstration then spacing out the demonstrations sufficiently so that the anger subsides. By thus managing the popular movement against pension reform, by timing it so that it remains under control, by not calling

for a total strike, the leadership of the representative trade union centres have once again shown their true nature. They are institutions serving the established order, and are responsible for managing the social movements to ensure that popular movements of anger remain within acceptable limits for capital.

Refusing to play this role would amount to breaking the tacit contract that binds them to the State. Consequently depriving themselves of multiple advantages and the windfall of state and employer subsidies. We know all this, it's official and you have to be very naive to deny this evidence. But, then, what does an anarchist do in these unions? You will answer me that you are where the workers are, that you participate in their defence and that your struggles contribute to the improvement of their material condition. So, it is true that you ensure that the bosses respect the laws which govern salaried work, and that when this is not the case, you drag them before the industrial tribunal, and sometimes even, you resort to direct action to assert the tribunal's demands. So, you enforce the law, it is your main task and you try to make it evolve in favour of employees, but all your actions fall within the framework defined by the State, no-one calls into question the system.

Worse, they reinforce it, because, as you know well, this system is so fundamentally unjust, so unequal, so deadly that it constantly generates movements of anger, revolt, or even more. And diabolically, the State, at the service of the bosses, exploited the union organisations, these tools that workers had given themselves for their emancipation, to ensure that worker revolts remained under control. The State and the bosses spend a lot of money on this; your organisations receive multiple grants and your union leaders can access prestigious positions. Thus, on par with employers, your organisations manage multitudes of social organisations; Social Security, pension funds, various organisations, etc. You consider that these are worker conquests, in fact it is only the price paid by the system to have social peace, to be able to continue to exploit employees. You have become an essential element of the system, profiteers of the system, and therefore, it is impossible for you to question it. An example to finish, you are proud of the industrial tribunal where union representatives sit, and you say that they defend the workers. In fact, industrial tribunals only apply the law and the law is made by the State. If, by extraordinary coincidence, an industrial tribunal judgment is too favourable to employees, on appeal a court composed of professional judges will quickly set the record straight. These courts therefore do not defend workers, they judge them and the fact that you win legal victories

does not change this fact: the sums recovered in this way are nothing compared to what the system steals from employees. These sums that you present as victories allow you to hide your real role from the eyes of the workers, and are the price paid by the bosses so that the employees accept their condition.

Finally, open your eyes, this circus has been going on for decades and nothing, strictly nothing has changed. All the major social advances have been achieved as a result of social movements outside the unions. There are times in history when workers' anger is expressed without restraint, but alas, as soon as the anger subsides, the system patiently, slowly takes back what the power of the popular movement forced it to let go. May millions of sincere workers allow themselves to be deceived, so be it, but you, an anarchist who dreams of freedom, equality, solidarity, why are you taking part in this scam? Why are you accepting to ultimately serve only as surety in this masquerade? An anarchist serving as a moral guarantee for the exploiters, what a decline! You are an anarchist, you agree with me, only a social revolution, only a radical transformation of this society will put an end to this circus, but for a real social revolution to take place, people must be convinced that it is possible and it is necessary. We must remove their illusions, denounce their false friends and break completely with them. So together, let's tackle this immense task!

Don't be alone, join us!

A companion of the CNT-AIT



Copmaggdon



No government and now no leading cops, it does sound like we're making progress in this wee part of the world at long last. Unfortunately, the latest keystone cops developments is, as with Stormont, only a temporary sideshow and the fuckers will be back. Enjoy it while it lasts folks!

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.



Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985. We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier...



The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at <https://organiseanarchistsireland.com> and send an email to:

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